



**KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Meeting**  
August 29, 2008, Landon State Office Building, Topeka, KS  
Minutes

**KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Members Present:**

Bill Burning  
Chad Moore  
John Naramore  
Keith Wisdom  
Ken Daniel  
Linda Steinke  
Sunee Mickle  
Valerie Keller

**KHPA Staff Participants:**

Barbara Langner, Policy Director

**Welcome by Barbara Langner, Policy Director:**

Barbara Langner opened the meeting by thanking Jane Chandler Holt for her service as Chair of the Purchaser Advisory Council on behalf of the Kansas Health Policy Authority. Dr. Langner then asked the council members to introduce themselves.

**Overview of the KHPA Board and Health Reform Update – Dr. Barbara Langner**

Dr. Barbara Langner presented a PowerPoint which gave an overview of what took place at the KHPA Board June retreat and the August meeting. Dr. Langner reviewed KHPA's Strategic Plan, KHPA Budget proposals, and the Medicaid Transformation process. Dr. Langner also reviewed the priorities for the upcoming legislative session, the Legislative Coordinating Committee (LCC) studies, and shared ideas for how to message health reform. The agenda packet can be viewed on the KHPA Web site at:

<http://www.khpa.ks.gov/AuthorityBoard/Advisory%20Councils/default.htm>.

**Dialogue with Council Members:**

Council members discussed how to assist small businesses with purchasing affordable health insurance. Dr. Langner expressed the need for outreach. She advised that on September 22, 2008 there will be a stakeholder meeting to discuss health insurance for small businesses. It was suggested by a council member that finding out if and how other states are successful with small business health insurance plans would be interesting and helpful. Dr. Langner asked the council members what the steps should be for KHPA to better message the health reform package. The consensus from the Purchaser Advisory Council regarding messaging

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was to educate legislators and not just give them the facts about smoking but to tell the public how much it costs them for their fellow Kansans to smoke. Council members also suggested a shorter list than last session's health reform plan.

**Next Steps, Dr. Langner:**

The KHPA Board will be having its monthly meeting on September 16, 2008 and will discuss replacement membership for the Advisory Councils.

**Adjournment:**

Members will be notified of upcoming meetings by email or by phone.